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I request a refund to deposit account number 11-1245 for the following items:

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**DECLARATION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
(Small Business Concern)

**DECLARATION OF STATUS**

I hereby declare that we are an official, and am empowered to act on behalf, of the small business concern identified below:

**LOTOMÍDIA SERVIÇOS LOTÉRICOS LTDA**  
Av. Sete de Setembro, 3656  
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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR §121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR §1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under §41(a) and §41(b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I further declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled " **HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE INTEGRATION PROCESS FOR LOTTERY BETS OPERATION** ", by inventors **CARLOS EDUARDO WENDLER, SUELI TEREZINHA NEVES WENDLER and BORIS SITNIK**, described in Brazilian applications, serial numbers number PI 9802634-8 filed 01/06/1998, PI 9802635-8 filed 01/06/98 and PI 9805759-6 filed 24/12/98.

No other concerns have any rights to the invention.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

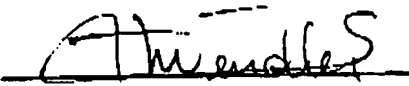
I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR §1.28(b))

**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued hereon,

Date: 29/11/2000

  
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SUELI TEREZINHA NEVES WENDLER

DECLARATION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(Independent Inventor)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled " HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE INTEGRATION PROCESS FOR LOTTERY BETS OPERATION " described in the application filed herewith.

ASSIGNMENT

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and am under no obligation to assign, grant, convey, or license to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR §1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR §1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR §1.9(e).

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BORIS STNIK

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